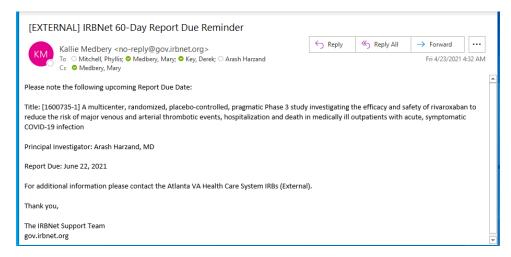




Submitting an R&D Renewal or Close Out

Projects under the sole oversight of the R&D Committee require an annual renewal form to be submitted in IRBNet. Additionally, all projects must submit a close out form to the R&D Committee when all work is complete and the project is ready to be closed. This guide will walk you through that process.

1. Any time you have a project that is coming up on renewal with the R&D Committee, you will receive an email from the IRBNet system notifying you of the upcoming renewal. It will look like this:



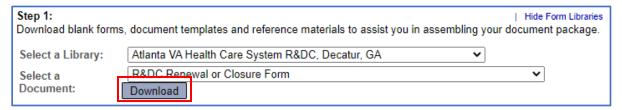
- 2. Upon receipt of one these emails, visit https://gov.irbnet.org/release/index.html and login with your username and password
- 3. Choose "My Projects" from the left-hand menu. You should now see a list of your projects. Click the project title of the study which requires renewal:



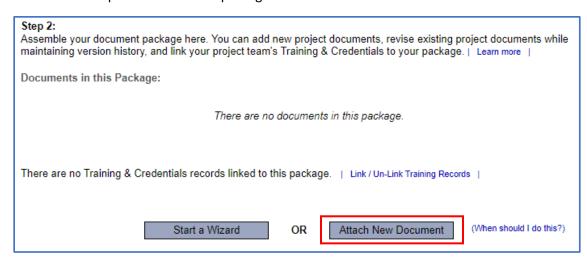
4. Once you are in the study, click the **Create a New Package** button in the **Project Administration**Menu on the left:



5. This will bring you to the **Designer** page of the package. Here, you can download the R&D Renewal/Close Out from the **Atlanta VA Health Care System R&DC library**:



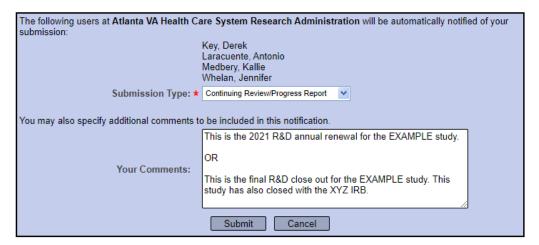
6. Once you've downloaded and completed the form, click the **Attach New Document** button to add the completed form to the package.



- 7. **For close outs only**, if this project has just closed with the IRB as well, please attach the IRB close out letter and close out summary (if you have one) to the package as well.
- 8. Once all documents are attached, click the **Sign this Package** button from the left-hand **Project Administration** menu. If you are the PI, sign as the investigator. If you are signing on behalf of the PI, sign in Designee Mode:



- Next, click the Submit this Package button from the left-hand Project Administration menu.
 Choose Atlanta VA Health Care System Research Administration from the Select a Board options and press Continue.
- 10. On the next screen, choose Closure/Final Report (for close outs) or Continuing Review/Progress Report (for renewals) from the **Submission Type** drop down. In the comments field, enter some notes about the submission (some sample text is included in the image below).



11. Once you press submit, the package will be routed to the Research Admin board for review by the research office. If edits are needed, the package will be unlocked for edits and you will be notified of changes needed through IRBNet. If everything is good to go, you will receive a notice that the package has been forwarded to the R&DC Board for review and approval.

If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to Mary.Medbery@va.gov